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WORLD CLASS

Pathfinder tech team makes finals in international robotics match



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Team 785A, comprised of team Captain Michaela Tourtellot, Co-captain, and Lead Programmer Ethan Griswold, Scoring Specialist McKenna Martin, Game Specialist Harrison Lavoie, Operator Hunter Skowrya, and Programmer Catalina Mudgett.

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PALMER – History was made at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School when the Tech VEX Robotics Club's Team 785A competed at the 2021 Live Remote VEX Robotics World Championship recently and nearly won.

The team is comprised of team Captain Michaela Tourtellot, Co-captain, and Lead Programmer Ethan Griswold, Scoring Specialist McKenna Martin, Game Specialist

Harrison Lavoie, Operator Hunter Skowrya, and Programmer Catalina Mudgett.

At the World Championship, held remotely, the team competed against some 800 teams from 35 countries with their robot Rome to successfully complete all of its assigned tasks. The team was able to win three of its four matches on the first day and two additional matches on the second.

Although the team was defeated in the finals, the students' efforts were acknowledged by their instructors and Pathfinder staff last

week.

Electronic Technology Instructor and VEX Robotics Club mentor Kyle Lussier said from day one, the members of Team 785A buckled down and prepared to give it their all at each competition.

"They reached out to us immediately and said 'we don't want to stop dead in the water,'" Lussier said.

"They asked if they could come to the school, socially distanced, get the tools they need, and just dove into it headfirst on their own."

He also said the dedication of Team 785A is something that goes beyond the previous teams the school has fielded in the past.

"In all the years we've been doing it, I've never seen a team as dedicated and devoted as them," Lussier said.

Team 785A is proud of making it to World Championship and nearly claiming global supremacy. "I think that it was a pretty successful year," Griswold said.

"We experienced a lot more,

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MONSON



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Monson Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz presents Ed Harrison with an official town shirt, one of several gifts he received during a reception to honor the long-serving selectman's commitment to Monson.

It's the end of an era

Ed Harrison exists
town government

By Michael Harrison
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MONSON — After more than 40 years of service to his town, including more than two decades as a Selectman, Ed Harrison was as humble after leaving office as he was entering it.

"When I first met Ed the first thing he said was 'we're going to like working with you,'" former Monson Town Administrator Gretchen Neggers said at a reception at Town Hall Friday to honor Harrison, who did not seek another term in last week's elections.

"I said, 'I don't think that's how it works. I work for you!'"

That anecdote was one of sever-

al that had a roomful of well-wishers laughing. Not that it was all fun and games in town government during Harrison's years of service. Clearly, though, his legacy is rooted in a desire to serve the public and respect others regardless of where someone stands in the hierarchy.

"We only meet twice a month," Harrison said of the select board before the reception.

"The town manager and the town finance director and the department heads, they do most of the day-to-day work and keep the town running," he said.

"Yes, we have to read the reports and get to make decisions, but there are capable people that actually do much of the town's business who maybe get overlooked and they should get the recognition they deserve."

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Built in '78, has this firehouse outlived its intended purpose?

By Michael Harrison
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Editor's note: This is the first in a periodic series on the needs of the Monson Fire Department.

MONSON — Brian Harris can't say enough about how supportive the town has been to the Monson Fire Department.

He's been with the department since his senior year of high school in 1994 and became a career member in 2006. It's not until fairly recently that Harris, who became chief a little over a year ago, began to fully appreciate how deep that support runs when considering the expense of funding a professional department with 35 employees

tasked with serving nearly 9,000 people spread out over about 45 square miles.

"We're fortunate that everyone has been supportive of our department over the years," Harris said.

"When you're that young, you don't recognize how supportive the town is, but as I've grown with the department and changed roles and responsibilities and seeing the bigger picture, you find out how much funding is behind it. And the town has been very supportive and that's great."

He's counting on that support to continue when the time comes next year for the public to decide if the Monson Fire Department will be able to make the leap out of the

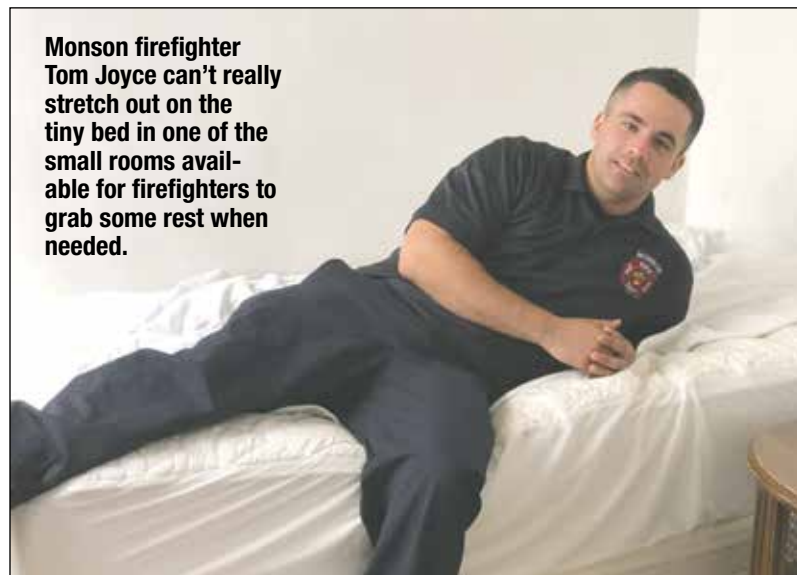
building it has occupied since 1978 and into the 21st century.

By any objective measure, the current situation is untenable.

Cracks are visible all around the station house exterior as well as inside. The building has long suffered from water damage, lacks modern facilities and it's just plain cramped. Everything from simple record keeping to maintaining the ill-housed internet and phone lines takes considerably more time and effort than it should and the public's investment in vital equipment loses value daily because a lack of garage space means those trucks and other vehicles are exposed to the elements.

Firefighters and other personnel

Monson firefighter Tom Joyce can't really stretch out on the tiny bed in one of the small rooms available for firefighters to grab some rest when needed.



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don't even have the creature comforts you'd find in the average auto dealership. A single room serves as a kitchen and dining space, a work area, and a place where department members can take a breather or socialize. They don't even have a couch or even one recliner. Only donated, second-hand hardback chairs.

When a call comes in, firefighters grab their gear from a rack squeezed between trucks and barely have elbow room while putting it on. The gear itself reeks of the exhaust fumes it's exposed to in a garage so tightly packed that average sized adults have to walk sideways

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SCHOOLS

Tantasqua Class of 2021 held together

Excelled all year despite pandemic

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

STURBRIDGE – Two hundred eighty Tantasqua Regional High School students graduated Saturday, and celebrated all they've done despite more than a year of ups and downs due to COVID-19.

"The Class of 2021 is a very special class in the alumni of Tantasqua," said School Committee



Turley Publications staff photos by Eileen Kennedy

Students stand as they wait for the rest of their fellow seniors to take their places.

GOVERNMENT

Brimfield voters go to the polls June 21

BRIMFIELD — There are four candidates in next week's race for two open seats on the Select Board. In addition to incumbent Carolyn Haley, challengers Martin Kelly, Pat Leaming, and Billie Jean Petrie Rubio are candidates for the five-member board. The two top vote-getters will serve three-year terms.

Here's a Q&A we conducted by email with some of the candidates:

Billie Jean Rubio

Age: 36
Occupation: Real Estate Agent
Education: Graduate of Tantasqua Regional High 2003
Prior public offices held: None

Q: What do you feel is the No. 1 issue facing Brimfield residents and what would you like to do to address it?

Rubio: It has become apparent that there may be several smaller scale issues, rather than just one outstanding issue. I believe that if I had to pick one as my biggest focal point, it would be the town budget.

Q: Are there any decisions the current select board made in the

past year or two that you disagree with? Please explain.

Rubio: Nothing stands out to me here. The board in my opinion has been mostly successful in gathering information and making informed decisions for the town.



Q: Like neighboring towns, Brimfield is largely a "bedroom community" and rural with considerable open space. Are you satisfied with that status quo, or would you like the town to encourage more development? If you want to see more development, what would you like to see - residential, commercial/retail? A mix of both? If no, why do you think it's best to leave things as they are?

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MONSON ELECTIONS

Oney elected to Select Board; Morgan wins School Committee seat



Patricia Oney

By Michael Harrison
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MONSON — The Year of the Woman continues.

Weeks after Town Meeting approved a change in the name of Monson's elected body from the Board of Selectman to Select Board, two women were elected to office in town after the June 8 election.

Patricia Oney was elected to the Select Board and Alison Morgan won a seat on the School Committee. Morgan joins incumbent Emily Graves-Harrison, who was reelected. Both Oney and Morgan succeed men who held those offices.

Morgan, 38, a special education supervisor and speech-language pathologist, grew up in Palmer and is the mother of two students who attend Granite Valley School. She said one of her goals is a policy to offer free school meals to all students to help ensure "readiness and availability for learning" for all students, particularly those who face food insecurity even if their households don't qualify under current guidelines for free meals at school.

"I am so unbelievably happy and honored that I am able to serve on the school committee," Morgan said Tuesday night.

"I am humbled by the outpouring of community support throughout my campaign and for those who came out to vote today. I'm excited to get started and be a voice for our students and parents of Monson. I think after the year we had, voters were more involved than ever before to connect with candidates, consider their qualifications and ideas or stance on many topics. I am happy the community was able to get to know me and see how my qualifications and ideas will allow me to advocate for the students and parents of our town. I hope I serve them well!"

"Being raised in Monson, I have strong pride for our town and have the pleasure of raising my daughters here as well," Graves-Harrison said.

"I am humbled and honored to have the ability to serve my community again."



Alison Morgan

Graves-Harrison said the school committee's priority should be "to keep up with the guidance put forth by (state education officials) in order to ensure everyone returns to the buildings safely and prioritizing all the needs of the children and our community."

Among the lessons learned during the past year while trying to steer the school community through the pandemic, Graves-Harrison said preparedness and accessibility are at the top of the list.

"Always open-minded, do your homework before your meetings, and be ready to have thoughtful, respectful conversations as a committee," she said.

"Being approachable to all committee and community members has been very insightful and something I value greatly."

Also running for School Committee were incumbent Chair Jeff Lord and Gennie Bailey. Jackie Watts Jr., who was appointed earlier this year to fill a vacated seat, ran unopposed to serve the remaining year on that term. Graves-Harrison was the top vote-getter in the contested race with 636. Morgan was second with 590, followed by Lord (472) and Bailey (425). Watts received 814 votes.

Select board

"I give my sincere thanks to the people who supported my candidacy," Oney said.

"I'd like to congratulate all of the new town officials and thank all of the candidates for giving the voters the opportunity to express themselves. I would like to encourage anyone with an interest to participate in town government, even if that just means sharing your ideas and opinions. It's incumbent on all of us to work together in a civil and respectful manner. Let's keep an open mind, recognize that we have more in common than not, and remember that we all want to work for the betterment of Monson."

Oney, 64, a retired attorney, is no stranger to town government having served on the Zoning Board



Emily Graves-Harrison

of Appeals, as town counsel, and on the Monson Housing Authority. She also was assistant general counsel for the Mass. Dept of Developmental Services, among other public roles. Prior to the election, she said, "One major concern is making sure that there is open and effective communication between town officials, residents, and business owners. We need to encourage sharing ideas and talk frankly about the problems that we face, and how best to address them."

Monson's newest selectwoman said she's looking forward to returning to in-person meetings and facilitating communication not just with residents, but with the town's state representatives as well.

"These virtual meetings frankly, leave something to be desired. I think it's important for us to get ideas from people in town. I know people care and have ideas and I would like them to share those with us rather than air them out on social media. That's a starting point."

On reaching out to Monson's representatives in the state legislature, Oney said, "I think they communicate well with what's going on in Boston, but we need to communicate with them about what's going on in town, especially with the problem with bridges in town — it's the same problem in Palmer. And rather than sitting on these bridges something has to be done or else we are going to get landlocked unless you're going through Connecticut."

Reflecting on what has often been an emotional and politically charged year, Oney wants everyone to treat one another as they want to be treated.

"We just need to be more civil when we talk to each other," she said.

Oney, a Monson resident since 1983, succeeds longtime incumbent Ed Harrison, who declined to seek reelection. She led the field of three with 570 votes. Jessica L. Allen came in second with 405 votes and Karen Nothe-Valley was third with 258. Approximately 20% of eligible voters cast ballots.

More milestones: Libraries emerging from pandemic lockdown

By Jonah Snowden
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BRIMFIELD/WALES — For the first time in a year, patrons can feel free to stop into their local libraries.

Director of the Brimfield Public Library Rebecca Wells said the library reopened on May 29 and as of now, the historical research and genealogy research sections in the Sherman Room is the only limited area and are appointment only. Overall, there is no capacity limit at the library.

That's a milestone during a pandemic year that almost daily shows signs of receding in this area.

"Since the day we closed our doors in March of 2020, I have been looking forward to reopening safely," Wells said.

"Once vaccines became readily available and members of our community and staff were fully vaccinated, we knew that we could safely reopen to the public."

The library continues to offer curbside pickup and deliveries for patrons. Wells said patrons can call or email the library to order books and other media, though patience is appreciated.

"It may take up to three business days for pickups and deliveries to be scheduled," Wells said.

A schedule of hybrid programs is available this summer and fall.

"Some will be in person and others via Zoom," Wells said.

"The summer schedule is not finalized yet but will be soon. We will be offering a summer reading program as well. Things to look forward to include Maggie the Clown, tie-dye T-shirts, story hours, an outdoor music class, tween cooking classes and pastel painting with Greg Maichack."

To learn more about the Brimfield Public Library, call 413-245-3518, send an email to brimfieldlibraryrequests@gmail.com, or visit their website, brimfieldpubliclibrary.com.

Wales open, cautious

Wales Public Library Director Nancy Baer said as of now, there may not be any summer programs because she'd like remain cautious until the COVID-19 pandemic is officially over, but the library is open for in-person use.

"If the virus picks up again, I suspect I'll have to shut down," Baer said. She said there is no capacity limit in the library and if patrons feel comfortable wearing face masks, that is encouraged while the pandemic remains a threat.

On its Facebook page, the library is also providing a list of books to help students with their summer reading, and updates on what the library has planned. Although there are no scheduled programs now, Baer is still looking forward to seeing patrons stop by for books and other media.

"We haven't stopped purchasing new materials," Baer said.

"It'll be nice to see our visitor numbers not be in the single digits."

Should a patron not find what they are looking for, Baer said the staff will see if they can order the book or movie someone is looking for.

"We will do our level best to get it for them," she said.

"Through Interlibrary Loan, we have access to materials in other libraries."

For library hours and to remain updated with the Wales Public Library, call 413-245-9072, visit townofwales.net/library or visit their Facebook page.



Turley Publications photo by Michael Harrison
The Wales Public Library, as well as Brimfield's is now open for the first time in a year.



MILEY

This is Miley, 12, a yellow Lab. "She loves her dog cookies and swimming in the pool during the summer!" Lauren, of Palmer, says.

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Public invited to hearing on Hryniewicz Park

PALMER — The Palmer Community Development Department will conduct a public hearing on June 30 in the meeting room of the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer to get feedback on the design of Hryniewicz Park in Three Rivers.

The design process has been funded by the fiscal year '20 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development through the use of federal funds under the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974.

All interested persons, groups, and agencies are invited to attend and participate. Any person or organization so wishing will be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Palmer Community Development Department at 4417 Main Street in person, by mail, by calling 413-283-2614 or emailing msmith@townof-palmer.com.

Anyone requiring special accommodations should contact the Palmer Community Development Department at least one week prior to the public hearing.

Holland Library now fully re-opened to the public

The Holland Public Library, 23 Sturbridge Road fully re-opened to the public as of June 1. The hours of operation are:

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays: 3-8 p.m.
Thursdays: Noon-5 p.m.
Fridays: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Programming coming this summer, includes the Tails and Tales Children's Summer Reading Program. Students, the Holland Library has your summer reading titles for Tantasqua High School and Middle School available for check out. Just ask at the desk.

Community Book Club: The book club will meet online via Zoom. Copies of the monthly book selection, in a variety of formats, are available for curbside check-out at the Holland Public Library.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73692143025?pwd=c1F4blBMdm1yY2pLZjhkZkZkBRXpZUT09>

Meeting ID: 736 9214 3025; Passcode: p95795

For updates and more information, call the library at 413-245-3163 and visit the library on Facebook.

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New school committee chair hopes to keep public engaged

By Michael Harrison
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MONSON — Not only does Monson's School Committee have a new member, but a new leader as well.

When incumbent and committee Chair Jeff Lord finished third in the four-candidate race to fill two open seats last week, it left the door open for Colleen Flynn, who is in the middle of her first term, to ascend to the leadership role. She was nominated by Kathryn Peterson to succeed Lord and the motion was approved during the committee's reorganization meeting.

"I was surprised but extremely gratified," Flynn, whose own term expires next year said.

"I'm thrilled by the opportunity. Three out of five members only know me remotely and you never know what kind of impression you make on people. With me, I hope they see enthusiasm and integrity."

Flynn, a restaurant management professional, said her style might differ from Lord's but she credits his leadership and experience after serving multiple terms. Flynn said Lord should be especially appreciated for his role in steering the committee through the unprecedented pandemic during the past year.

"It's a big transition," Flynn said of succeeding Lord.

"His loss is going to be huge for the district. Whether you agreed with him or not, he was a very effective leader. Losing somebody who has been in that position for a cumulative 20 years is significant. I definitely learned from him and he was a great mentor. I got to see how he ran meetings and interacted with the superintendent and the public. At the end of the day we are both servant leaders. Things change though and change is never a bad thing."

Looking ahead to the next school year, Flynn said the committee's work is still dependent on whatever course the pandemic, which seems to be receding but is still part of life, takes.

"Much of what the fall looks like depends on whatever guidance we get from the state," Flynn said.

"Wearing masks, what ages are recommended for vaccines — all of what can change comes from the state. We don't know what September looks like yet but (Superintendent) Cheryl (Clarke) and I — like everyone else — are thrilled at the prospect of returning to a pre-pandemic state. It is really our job now to look back and find the lessons from the past year of upheaval."

Although the past year has been tumultuous and fraught with emotional decisions over school closings and reopening and debates over remote and hybrid learning while COVID-19 cases spiked, Flynn said she can see silver linings.

"I think a big win for us this year has been the level of community engagement," she said.

Often, hundreds of people would log onto the committee's meetings held on Zoom and take the opportunity to share their thoughts.

"With communication coming from schools and the superintendent and having such great attendance at meetings, the level of public participation was awesome," she said.

"I think sheer transparency is what's most important. That's probably what's at the forefront of my mind. We want people to look at our leaders and know they can trust them to make the right decisions and know they will be heard. There's no room for egos. A personal goal for me is facilitating those great discussions. I'm not a person who is scared of making tough calls or being unpopular. The question is, how do we take this fantastic group of people — the public is well represented in this group of five (committee members) — and at the end of the day do what's best for the kids."

Flynn said she looks forward to helping each member leverage her or his strength — the committee's composition is now four women and one man — while leaving space for everyone to be heard.

"I want everyone to feel empowered to express their own agency," Flynn said.

"It's all about the fact of a leader not being in charge, but looking out for the people who are in your charge."



Colleen Flynn

HONORING HEROS



Courtesy photo

THREE RIVERS — On Memorial Day, an AmVets Post 74 Honor Guard remembered U.S. service members who gave their lives for their country in ceremonies held at St. Ann Cemetery and Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Bondsville.

Colby Academy dancer wins triple crown, berth at Nationals

THREE RIVERS — After the Covid-19 pandemic hit and the world started to close down, Jillicann Gula, 11, of Three Rivers, wondered what would lay ahead of her in the uncertain future.

In what was expected to be a big competition season for her, Jillicann was completely devastated, like many others, when her 2020 dance competition season and year came to an abrupt halt. She went from training multiple days and hours a week to doing a weekly Zoom class for her dances. She was very thankful for the zoom classes and the virtual interactions with her friends but she missed being in the studio, in person, with her dance family.

To pass the time during quarantine, she started to find some new hobbies, including gardening and having virtual sleepovers with her friends.

As the world slowly started to open back up again, she eagerly returned to in-person dance last August. Of course, now there were new "normals" to follow such as wearing face masks, temperature checks, and socially distanced classes. The dance studio she attends, Colby Academy of Dance located in Three Rivers, worked extra hard and diligently to make sure all of the proper steps and precautions were in place to keep everyone healthy and classes running.

Once back to classes, Jillicann worked even harder then before to make up for the time she missed, taking extra classes when she was able and dancing even more hours than before — and it showed.



Courtesy photo

Jillicann Gula of Three Rivers won three dance titles and an invitation to Nationals.

Her dancing far surpassed where she was before quarantine, catapulting her from a little girl who loved dance into a dancer and entertainer.

The 2021 dance competition season was different from previous years. Masks needed to be worn, social distancing needed to be practiced, audience members were extremely limited and dancers did not find out their final over-

all scores and placings until they were lived streamed, which caused even more anxiety than ever waiting to find out the results.

This year, for her solo, Jillicann did better than anyone could have hoped for. Along with many overall high scores, platinums and an invitation to Nationals, Jillicann won three titles, earning her triple crown status. The titles she won were Miss Junior That's Entertainment, Miss Junior Step Up 2 Dance, and Miss Junior Elite Dance.

While at the studio, Jillicann exemplifies hard work, dedication and working as a dance team member. She takes as many classes as she can and helps wherever she is needed whether that be at the front desk, greeting everyone and bringing the younger students to class and being a friend and mentor to the younger dancers, helping around the studio and going where she is needed.

Jillicann said she is already looking forward to the next dance competition season and hopes to win even more titles. As the year comes to a close, she is now getting excited to have a recital this year in which she will receive her nine-year achievement award from Colby Academy of Dance.



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Viewpoints

Reflect on, show respect for the American flag

By John Grimaldi
Guest columnist

WASHINGTON, D.C. – It is said that the flag of the United States was designed by Betsy Ross, a seamstress who lived in Philadelphia during the American Revolution. But, according to PBS, “some historians believe it was designed by New Jersey Congressman Francis Hopkinson and sewn by Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross.”

Whether it was Betsy Ross or Congressman Hopkins who designed the original Stars and Stripes, the Continental Congress, on June 14, 1777, adopted a resolution declaring that “the flag of the United States be thirteen alternate stripes red and white...the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.” And so, it came to be that our Grand Old Flag became the official emblem of the U.S. based on the Continental Army’s banner. It was carried into battle for the first time September 11, 1777, in the Revolutionary War battle of Brandywine.

“Here’s another, somewhat obscure, piece of the Flag’s history,” says Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens. “The first observance of June 14th, Flag Day, was organized in 1885 by a 19-year-old schoolteacher from Waubeka, Wisconsin, Bernard J. Cigrand. It was not an official celebration, but it was the first known ceremony in honor of our nation’s ensign, according to Cigrand’s biographer historian James L. Brown in his book, “The Real Bernard J. Cigrand: The Father of Flag Day.”

Cigrand was passionate about the American flag. He is said to have delivered more than 2,000 speeches during his quest for an official, national day for the observance of Flag Day. It took him three decades of effort and in 1916 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 for the observance. Likewise, President Calvin Coolidge issued his own proclamation in 1927. However, it would take Congress another 33 years to declare it a national day of remembrance, not quite a national holiday, which President Harry Truman signed into law on Aug. 3, 1949.

“Today, more than ever, it is important for patriotic Americans to show appropriate reverence for the flag. We live in an era of unheard of, unexpected disdain for the American way of life, particularly among the younger generations. There are those who would see our democracy replaced by socialism, even communism, among those who do not know of what they speak. Thus, it is important to show them the ‘whys’ and ‘hows’ and the reasons we take the time to reflect on and respect Old Glory on June 14,” Weber said.

What better place to learn the dos and don’ts of the American flag than at the American Legion website? Here are a few interesting observations:

The flag code is The American Legion flag code.

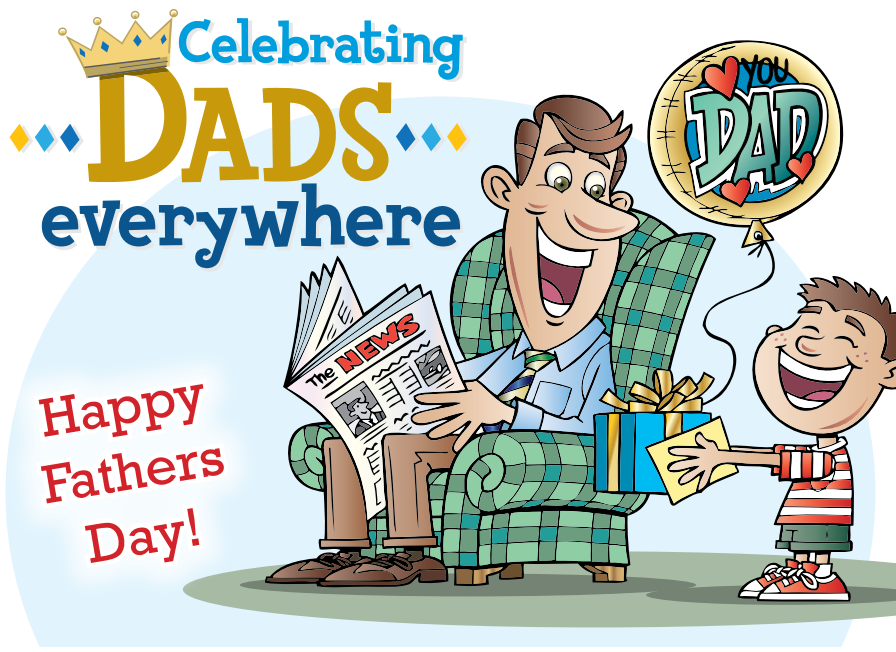
On Flag Day, June 14, 1923, The American Legion and representatives of 68 other patriotic, fraternal, civic and military organizations met in Washington, D.C. for the purpose of drafting a code of flag etiquette. The 77th Congress adopted this codification of rules as public law on June 22, 1942. It is Title 4, United States Code Chapter 1.

A flag that has been used to cover a casket cannot be used for any other proper display purpose. That is not so: A flag that has been used to cover a casket can be used for any proper display purpose to include displaying this flag from a staff or flagpole.

A flag must be destroyed when it touches the ground. This is not so as long as the flag remains suitable for display, the flag may continue to be displayed as a symbol of our great country.

There has been a change to the Flag Code that no longer requires the flag to be properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. This not true, there has been no change to Flag Code section 6(a), which states: “It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.”

The Flag Code states that when the flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display it is to be disposed of by burning in private. This is not true, the Flag Code as revised and adopted by the Congress of the United States in 1942 has never included the word(s) “private” or “in privacy.” Section 8(k) of the Flag Code states: “The flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.” Since 1937, The American Legion has promoted the use of a public flag disposal ceremony. This ceremony is a fitting tribute and an overt expression of patriotism, which enhances the public’s understanding of honor and respect due the American flag.



Observations here and there

It was fun to take a mini-vacation this past week! However, I have to admit that was weird to leave a newly-installed garden and a hen sitting on eggs in the care of my trusty house-sitter, especially with the mercury soaring the way it did. I came home to a garden that looked great and no chicks, yet...

Here are some observations from both during and after my vacation.

The vacation house had a major bunny problem. The owner installed a number of native plants to encourage pollinators and the rabbits seem to find most palatable. A small fence was installed around the perennials off the porch, but the new blueberries and serviceberry have been clear cut of anything rabbit height or less. Most of the shrubs in the mixed border have an umbrella-like appearance, with woody stems down low and growth at the top only.

I recommended switching up the repellents to keep the bunnies away, and this comes from personal experience. At the old house I never had a problem with rabbits in my garden until after the dog died. It would be safe to assume that “the marking of his territory” had something to do with my good fortune. Outside of dog urine, there are lots of other deterrents out there that folks swear by. One is dried blood. The smell signals danger. To be effective it must be reapplied each week as well as after it rains. You can either sprinkle a narrow band around the perimeter of the border or place containers of it in the garden. Dried blood is a nitrogen fertilizer and is available at most garden centers. It will burn sensitive plants if applied directly on top of them, so sprinkle it a few inches away from the base. Along the same line would be ammonia sprays.

I have also heard of different home brews that you may or may not want to whip up in your blender. One consists of garlic, hot peppers and marigold leaves; maybe this combination would work better than the other tactics already tried. Again, these would need to be replenished periodically and switched on occasion to keep the scent new and dangerous.



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

I visited a couple of great nurseries on Cape Cod. The hydrangeas they sell there are amazing, and it was oh, so tempting to bring one home. Unfortunately, I had just bought one a month ago that was advertised to be good and hardy, but not the blue I had wanted. More of a purple-blue.

It was neat to come home and see that the advice I had given others for many years actually worked. By adding sulfur to the edges of the planting hole my new hydrangea is turning a lovely shade of blue. Yay! I am honestly amazed at how quickly the changeover took place. If you’d rather a pink toned hydrangea, raise the pH of the soil by sprinkling a couple of cups of dolomitic lime around the base of the plant once or twice throughout the growing season. A higher pH will prevent aluminum from being drawn up by the plant; aluminum has a bluing effect on the flowers of this particular type of hydrangea (H. macrophylla). Likewise, hydrangeas absorb more aluminum from acidic soil, so to make pink hydrangeas blue, do as I did and add sulfur to the soil around hydrangeas in the spring.

Another thing I came home to was sad peppers. You don’t have to be a pepper psychologist to make an assessment as to why. First, they were planted during unseasonably warm mid-May weather, only to have temperatures plummet into the high 30s at night. Then, no less than a week later, we have August-like temperatures and a drought. So why are the pepper plants pale and pathetic? Probably all of the above and then some. I will likely give them some fish and seaweed emulsion and hope that they can transition to healthy plants as the temperatures and moisture moderate. Let’s hope they do, anyway!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

HISTORY MATTERS

History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children’s books that emphasize the importance of American history.

June 16 to June 30
By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith
Guest columnists

Women in space
NASA might have been conceived in 1958, but America’s astronaut corps did not accept women until twenty years later; in 1978, six out of 3,000 distaff applicants were finally chosen. Dr. Sally K. Ride was one of them; to the “suits” she had a positively perfect profile: a bachelors; a masters; and a doctorate—in physics—from Stanford University.

Ride had been pursuing a career as a professional tennis player, according to History.com, when she “answered a 1977 newspaper ad from NASA calling for young tech-savvy scientists who could work as mission specialists.”

In six subsequent years, Ride had a myriad of NASA jobs; then, on June 18, 1983, she went on the of adventure of her life as a member of the Challenger crew—and became the first American woman to travel in space.

She was 32.
For more information about Ride and her legacy, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Women in Space: 23 Stories of First Flights, Scientific Missions, and Gravity-Breaking Adventures,” by Karen Bush Gibson.

Title IX
“No person in the United States

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in support of Martin J. Kelly as a candidate for Brimfield Selectman. It is time to bring governing experience back to the Board of Selectmen.

I was a Selectman for three years while Martin was the Chairman. I also worked with him while he was a Selectman, and I was on the Elementary School Committee, Tantasqua School Committee and Planning Board.

When we were selectmen, we worked to bring practices that are common in business to town government. We developed a personnel policy, introduced formal performance reviews, and instituted long range planning. In addition, we worked to develop relationships with members of state government and neighboring communities.

Martin has a genuine commitment to town government and a passion for following the rule of law. Martin understands that it is the responsibility of town officers to abide by local bylaws, state laws, and federal regulations. He does not make up his own rules for each situation.

I ask that Brimfield residents consider joining me in voting for Martin Kelly for Selectman.

Sincerely,
Mark T. Denning
Brimfield

GUEST COLUMN

Reflecting on, finding inspiration from, the pearl process

A pearl is the month of June’s gemstone.

Its appealing, luminous, soft sheen glow is both classic and contemporary. The pearl’s origin can be natural from salt water in an ocean, or cultured from farming in fresh water. It’s the only gemstone created from a living creature: most often in an oyster, less common within a mussel, and, rarely, within a clam.

What’s so mysteriously intriguing about the pearl’s process? When an inside injury occurs, and an unfamiliar object enters into the hard-shelled oyster’s soft, greyish-white tissue, over time, through a miraculous protective process, a pearl is produced.

Oysters have dark, dull, rough-edged surfaces. Because of its lackluster appearance, oyster shells aren’t usually a seashell collector’s first choice. Yet, when opening an oyster’s shell, one of nature’s most iridescent interiors is brilliantly displayed. If ever an “under the sea rainbow” exists, it’s found inside the oyster.

Another surprising fact: the oyster has similarities to humans, such as a mouth, stomach, heart, intestines, gills (lungs,) etc. Could there be life lessons from observing the oyster, its appearance and its attributes? Are there some applications we can apply?

Within other rough-shelled situations or personalities, perhaps there is an unmistakable beauty deep within? Maybe word wounds or an unexpected injury happens and then, eventually, over years, healing takes place and unimaginable beauty results. In both circumstances, the revealing and the restorative processes can produce persons of incredible value with a living luster of poise and purpose.

Life happens.

There are times when we may feel completely submerged, well below “see” level. Being isolated or overworked throughout COVID-19’s perils and losses, certainly created chaos in multiple, unexpected ways. Healing takes time. Yet, amid adversity, over weeks, months, and even years, courageous growth can emerge as recovered lives that are “pearls of priceless worth.”

Often “humorous gems” refresh our strength and renew our spirit. Years ago, Snoopy, the adorable beagle cartoon character created by Charles Schultz, while sitting atop his red doghouse, typed wisdom words on his manual typewriter: “I somehow survived another day... and I’ll have to do it all over again tomorrow.” And, aptly, the woofer advises, “Don’t let anyone dull your sparkle.”

Let’s consider having June’s gemstone, the pearl, inspire our lives. May we reflect on its amazing course of injury-origin and the valuable healing-process results: a unique, one-of-a-kind treasure with the luster and glow of a classic and contemporary purpose.

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ELECTION

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Rubio: I, along with many residents I've spoken with, love this town for what it is. A small community, with helpful neighbors, and most of the town offering privacy at people's homes. I do believe there may need to be some growth, small, locally owned business, giving Brimfield a bit of revival, without sacrificing the quietness of the town.

Q: If you could change one thing about the town, what would that be?

Rubio: It seems on-line there is never ending division. Finding a way to bring people together towards a common goal, by transparency and education of the matters being discussed is one of my goals if elected. This town is full of people who would bend over backwards for one another, and that's not the environment that the online forums reflect.

Q: What book(s) are you reading now, or last book read?

Rubio: Rereading "1984" by George Orwell.

Talk about yourself
Please use this space to tell readers/voters more about you as a person.

Rubio: I was born and raised in Brimfield. I grew up riding horses and actively participating in the 4H horse shows previously held at Auction Acres. I was also an avid softball player and played right up through most of High School. My father was a local builder, and my mother was also a real estate agent. When my father passed several years ago, we all made the decision to move back to Brimfield and divide the land equally between us, because we all love living here, and it was the obvious choice to all of us. It made sense to "come back home". There wasn't one of us that even wanted to sell anything! I have now followed in my mothers footsteps as a Realtor, my brother became a licensed contractor, and started his own business, and my sister took over the family home we grew up in and made it into my parents dream from when they first bought the land in 1977, a working farm/homestead.

At home I have a wonderfully supportive husband of 9 years, and an amazing 7 year old son who I enjoy spending my time with. We enjoy simply being outdoors, walking in the woods, four wheeling, and boating on Little Alum in our spare time. Our neighbors have become family, and we are glad to live in a community where all of this is possible.

Martin J. Kelly

Age: 68
Occupation: Telecommunications Director
Education: MBA, Master's Certificate in Project Management, Bachelor's Degree in Management and Marketing, Management Studies at Northeastern University. Graduated Magna Cum Laude, National Honor Society.
Prior public offices held: Brimfield Selectman 1988-1993, 94, 1996-2002. Telecom Director City of Springfield 2006-current.



Q: What do you feel is the No. 1 issue facing Brimfield residents and what would you like to do to address it?

Kelly: Financial responsibility, curb out of control spending and align our needs with our ability to pay for them.

Q: Are there any decisions the current select board made in the past year or two that you disagree with? Please explain.

Kelly: The move to change previously elected boards and positions such as Treasurer, Tax Collector and Board of health to appointed by the Selectboard. Way too much power in the hands of too few. Soon we will be told that supervision of all these boards and committees is too much work for a part time Board of Selectmen and that we need a Town Administrator at \$100,000 a year. We cannot afford this.

Q: Like neighboring towns, Brimfield is largely a "bedroom community" and rural with considerable open space. Are you satisfied with that status quo, or would you like the town to encourage more development? If you want to see more development, what would you like to see - residential, commercial/retail? A mix of both? If no, why do you think it's best to leave things as they are?

Kelly: Brimfield is very fortunate that we have the world famous Antique Show, of which I am one of the owners. It operates three weeks a year and puts a significant amount of money into the town coffers. The rest of the year we get to enjoy quiet and open space. New growth should be in harmony with this philosophy.

Q: If you could change one thing about the town, what would that be?

Kelly: That town government be more open with the town's people. It is nearly impossible to get public records and when you can they are cost prohibitive.

Q: What book(s) are you reading now, or last book read?

Kelly: U.S. Grant's memoirs.

Q: Talk about yourself. Please use this space to tell readers/voters more about you as a person.

Kelly: I was born and raised in East Providence Rhode Island. I moved to and lived in the Holyoke/Northampton/Springfield as a result of my job with New England Telephone, NYNEX, Bell Atlantic, Verizon where I worked for 30 Years. I moved to Brimfield in 1986 and lived here ever since. I raised three children in Brimfield. I have studied the piano since the time I was 7 years old.

I spend 35 years tagging sharks for the National Marine Foundation. I was the Secretary of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, Chairman of the Eastern Hampden County Veterans Service, member of the Bay Path High School Curriculum Committee, The Galaxy Community Council, Governor's appointed delegate to the State Nominating Convention and an Adjunct Professor at American International College.

Carolyn M. Haley

Age: No response
Occupation: Real Estate Broker
Education: Hope College, Holland, MI, Bay Path College, Longmeadow, MA, STCC
Offices/public service: Central Mass Health Systems Agency – consumer member, resulted in a settled physician in Brimfield; EMT/Firefighter ~ Brimfield FD; Assessor – currently in fourth term; Historical Commission – 1994-2017 resulted in Historic Survey, published w/ Massachusetts Historical Commission with PVPC Consultant; QVCDC/ BAC Brimfield representative since 1995
Selectboard – current nominee for re-election



Q: What do you feel is the No. 1 issue facing Brimfield residents and what would you like to do to address it?

Haley: Town owned building maintenance is a priority. We need to respond to the needs while appreciating the architecture and treasuring the history.

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Haley: Growth is an issue that must be considered, carefully done. I'm an advocate for the Antique Shows, realizing 16 days/year of traffic is a small inconvenience for all the shows bring to town in indirect revenue to owners and the seasonal workers who profit. I would like to see a future development for senior citizens, either single-family or condo style ~ affordable \$220-250,000 price range. This demographic is growing and deserves to be able to stay in the town which they have supported.

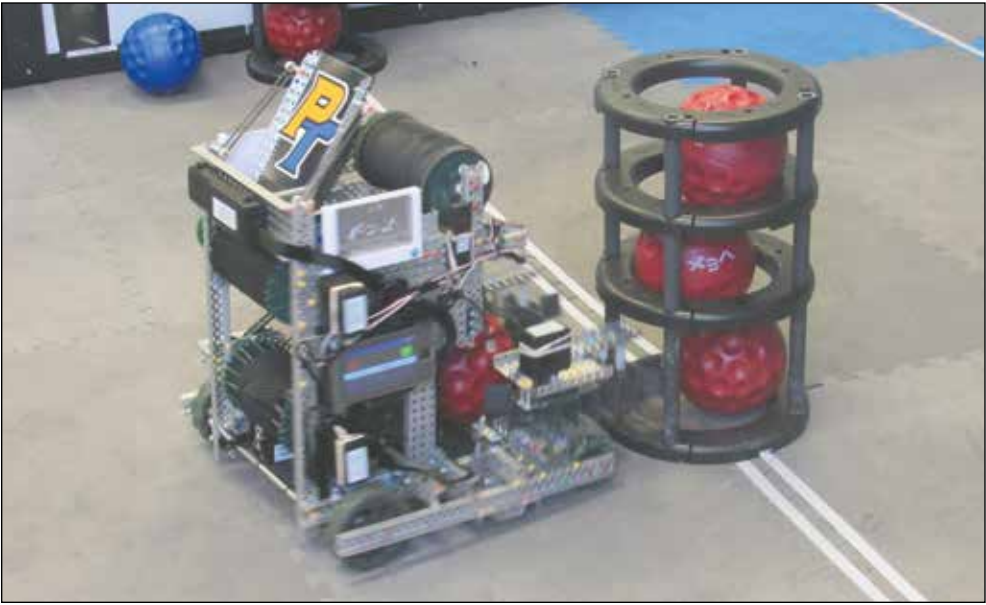
Q: What book(s) are you reading now, or last book read?

Haley: No response

Talk about yourself

Please use this space to tell readers/voters more about you as a person.

Haley: I have three grown children, seven grandchildren, been here since 1970. My folks taught us to give back, and so I do!



Team 758A's robot, named "Rome."



Team 785A's Operator Hunter Skowrya puts the team's robot, Rome, through its paces.

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in a much shorter span of time than other teams normally would."

Matin said it was an amazing experience to make it the world stage, especially considering the work that went into it.

"We really stepped up to the plate to do it," Martin said.

"We started staying after school until eight o'clock. There was one night that we stayed after until around 10 o'clock. We spent a lot of time here preparing the robot, a whole new field setup, and game strategy

in just four days, to start competing in actual live remote events with other teams. It was a challenge, but it was a good challenge."

Along with Lussier and fellow Pathfinder Electronic Technology Instructor Guy Nyzio, CEO of Sanderson Macleod Mark Borsari, who donated new parts and registered the team for competitions, are to thank for the team's progress. Father Stefan Niemczyk of Devin Mercy Parish, who provided the team a place to meet, design, and build their robot, is also to thank for the team making it to the world championship, team members and their instructors said.

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LHS Counseling Department 500 Chapin Street Ludlow, MA 01056

If you have any further questions, call 413-589-9001 ext. 2407.

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And so it goes for a public figure who did not start to even consider running for public office before attending what was apparently an unremarkable select board meeting. Already involved in town government as a member of the parks and recreation and finance commissions, it was a meeting he attended with his youngest daughter, Elizabeth, that sparked an interest in becoming a candidate.

"He got involved in the select board when he accompanied my youngest sister to a selectmen's meeting," daughter Holly Harrison said.

"She had to do a project for I believe it was her history class in high school and she was hesitant to go to the meeting alone and he accompanied her. It was then that he really saw the inner workings of that board and became interested in serving."

Holly attended the ceremony with sisters Melissa Reyes and Rebecca Cobos. Harrison's other daughters, Heather Ort and Cheryl Ekenbarger, were unable to attend because of work obligations, Holly said. Elizabeth, who died about seven years ago after battling breast cancer, is always with the

family in spirit, Holly said. Harrison's daughters said they recall their dad cautioning them in their teen years that although he was an elected official, they shouldn't expect any special favors if caught speeding or doing anything else they shouldn't.

A senior systems program analyst for MassMutual before retiring, Harrison, 81, was a Monson Citizen of the Year honoree and past chairperson of the Munson Democratic Party. A Western Mass. native and resident of Monson for more than 40 years, Harrison is a U.S. Army veteran and Green Beret who served active duty stateside during the Vietnam War.

His daughter Holly said Ed was a runner who competed in several Boston Marathons and triathlons and was an experienced cyclist who rode from Monson to Cape Cod on several occasions.

On Friday, he said he looked forward to more leisure time with his family but planned to keep tabs on town government.

"You're always welcome here," Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz said.



Turley Publication photos by Michael Harrison
Brian Harris, Monson fire chief and a member of the department since 1994 and a full-time employee since 2006, points out water damage and other building quality issues last week.



Firefighting gear hangs in a cramped garage where equipment is parked bumper-to-bumper.



Monson Fire Chief Brian Harris shows how little room there is for firefighters to change into their gear when a call comes in.

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to navigate their way through most of it.

Long overdue

While on the job, Harris learned out how difficult it would be upgrading the station house.

"The Chief at that time, Marshall Harris (no relation) over the years explained to me he had been making capital requests almost annually, saying our building's in disrepair and we need to either start with some work or plan for a new fire station," he said.

"He was just trying to show me back then that if you don't put on the radar, it's not going to happen. Over the years, he retired, a new chief came in and I think it kind of dropped off the radar. He retired, a new chief came in and it was put back on the radar."

The town approved \$40,000 for a station assessment in 2019 that was delayed for various reasons, including the pandemic, but now that time has arrived – it had to because the appropriation has a fast-approaching expiration date, Harris said.

"So that's kind of how the project got rolling," Harris said.

Besides more than showing its over-40 age, the building wasn't intended for how it's used today. "It was built for a 100% volunteer fire department and over time, the department has grown," Harris said. "The needs of the department have changed. We have career firefighters and EMTs, myself included, and one full-time administrative assistant. So it makes nine full time employees and we have 25 or 26 on-call employees."

Even with less than half the department in the building at the same time, it feels crowded and looks uncomfortable, from the equipment parked bumper-to-bumper, to the cell-like sleeping quarters, and the web of cables sprouting from hot, dusty corners electronics like routers was never meant to inhabit.

What happens next

The assessment underway



The firehouse, built in 1978, wasn't intended for today's electronics, such as routers and other vital communications infrastructure.

will produce a report on deficiencies with the building and suggest options to improve them. As with most things, there are pros and cons to the logical choices of expanding the legacy site or constructing a new building. Either one will cost in the tens of millions – in contrast, a new building would have cost millions less a decade ago – that likely will require some form of financing by the town.

A remodel would cost less on the surface, but would require additional money for temporary accommodations, while building from scratch means the department could stay in its current home until a new one is ready. Many variables remain, though the report could be expected to answer most if not all the questions and provide a side-by-side comparison of the options. Harris said there are scenarios in which the existing building can be repurposed for the town if a new station house is approved and built.

"We have put some preliminary feelers out if there would be interest from other town departments to repurpose this building," Harris said.

One possibility would be the Dept. of Public Works. The Water Dept. might also be interested. The legacy site could also be used for storage by a number of departments.

Built to last

Whatever happens, Harris said he believes plans have to take into account the town's needs not just for the near future, but for at least a couple of decades down the road.

"So the town has been steadily growing and one thing that hasn't grown is the number of staff that the fire department has," Harris said.

"So that's what we're looking at for the future, is how many staff are we going to need? We have two ambulances right now. We have enough staff to cover one 24/7. And the goal in the future is to have enough to cover both of those. We have talked with the building department and we are seeing an influx in building permits and driveway permits that have just been pulled in the last year or two."

"I don't think we can plan for the next 50 years, but we're hoping a new building is going to outlast me. And then the next chief beyond me."

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BASEBALL

Palmer falls to rival Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — The Indians baseball team, who hadn't won a game at Legion Field since 2017, spoiled the Panthers' senior night with a 16-2 victory before a large crowd, last Wednesday night. The contest ended after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

"We always take a team picture whenever we beat Palmer here," said Ware head coach Scott Slattery. "We've been able to win the trophy in football during the past several years, but none of my players have won a varsity baseball game on this field. A lot of the kids know each other and it's a much more friendly rivalry game now than when I was playing sports for Ware High School."

Slattery, currently a physical education teacher at Ware, did his student teaching at Palmer High School under the guidance of Peter Farr. Farr retired as the Panthers varsity baseball coach following the 2019 season.

"I don't get to see Coach Farr very often anymore, so it was nice chatting him tonight," Slattery said. "I really enjoyed coaching against him, and I have a tremendous amount of respect for him. I'm hoping to build the same type of relationship with the new Palmer head coach (Anthony Pasquarosa). The relationships that I've been able to build through sports have been a big part of my life."

The Indians, who improved their season record to 9-1, suffered a 4-3 loss to the Panthers at Legion Field in 2018. The following year, the Panthers celebrated a 3-2 walk-

off win in eight innings on their home field.

"We had lost a couple of heart-breakers on this field in the past. We did have some quality at-bats and were able to take control of tonight's game right from the start of the game," said Ware senior first



baseman Dillon Slattery, whose mother, Julie, had the honor of taking the team photo. "This is a huge rivalry game for us, and anything can happen."

Dillon Slattery and Keith Smith, who made his final varsity start on the mound at Legion Field, are senior co-captains of the Indians varsity baseball. The duo will be teammates on the Worcester State University football team in the fall. They've been competing on the gridiron, hardwood, and the diamond against Palmer since they were freshmen.

"I was the starting pitcher here two years ago when Evan Smith beat us with a walk-off base hit," said Smith, who worked the first three innings of last Wednesday's game before three relief pitchers finished the game. "It feels great



Chance Lee makes a throw to first base.

to finally beat Palmer, who are our biggest rivals, on this field. It was a crazy game tonight."

The only other senior listed on the Ware varsity baseball roster is Aiden Clark, who drew three walks

as the Indians designated hitter. Clark joined the varsity baseball team as a sophomore and his father, Shawn, is the Indians junior varsity

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SOCCER

Pathfinder season nears conclusion



Jordan Talbot pitches for the Pioneers.

PALMER — The Pathfinder Regional baseball team continues to near its end. The Pioneers have had a tough season, struggling to score runs and pick up wins. The Pioneers hoped to end their season on a positive note when they faced Smith Vocational on Tuesday, June 15 at 4 p.m.



Cameron Zoto gets the out at first base.



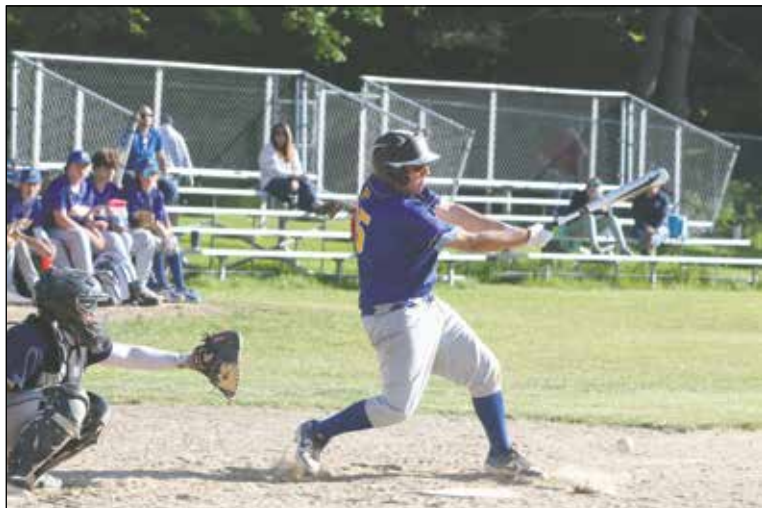
Jeremy Bouthiller makes a throw over to first base.



Thomas Swift makes a catch on a pop-up.



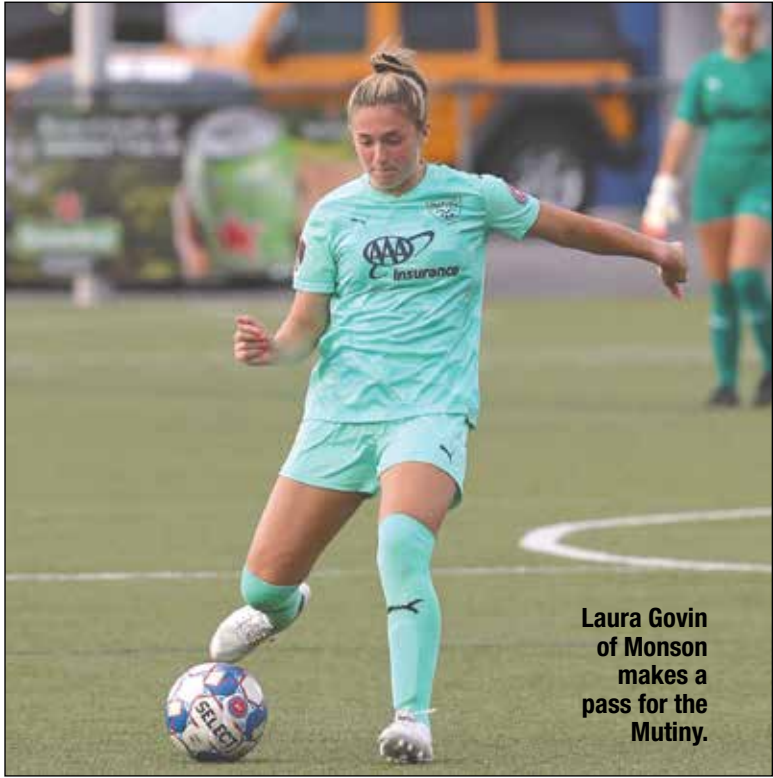
Jason Swistak sprints to first after making contact.



Colby Kokosa swings and hits a ground ball to third.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

New England Mutiny pick up another tie



Laura Govin of Monson makes a pass for the Mutiny.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The good news is the New England Mutiny have not suffered a loss in any of their four regular season matches. The bad news is the Mutiny players have only celebrated one victory so far this season. Three of their four matches have ended in 2-2 draws including their June 5 contest against the New Jersey Copa FC which was played before a good size gathering at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

"It doesn't really feel like a tie, it feels more like a loss," said Mutiny head coach Jeb Booth. "We just didn't play as well as we're capable of tonight. We didn't have the same type of energy or the focus. We just didn't play our style."

In order to clinch a berth in the United Women's Soccer playoffs, the Mutiny (1-0-3) will need to finish the regular season in the top four spots of the East Conference standings.

The Mutiny's only victory so far this season was a 6-1 home vic-



Hope Santaniello picks up a pass and move up the field.

tory over the CT Rush on May 22.

They're scheduled to play back-to-back road matches this weekend against the other two United Women's Soccer clubs from Massachusetts. The road trip

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Warriors win first playoff game of new tourney

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FISKDALE — The seven seniors on this year's Tantasqua varsity baseball team were in kindergarten the last time the Warriors won a postseason home game.

The fifth-seeded Warriors (8-5), who had only made three postseason appearances in the past 12 years, celebrated an 11-0 victory over the 12th-seeded Nashoba Regional Wolves (4-11) in a Division 1 first round game of the inaugural Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Tournament at Emrich Field, last Monday (June 7). The contest, which was played on a hot afternoon, ended with two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

"It feels really good to win a playoff game, especially with this group of guys," said Tantasqua senior right-hander Spencer Cipro, who hurled a four-hit shutout in his first postseason start. "We haven't won a home playoff game since 2009, so we made some history against a team that we've never faced before on our homefield today."

Back in 2009, Tantasqua defeated Shrewsbury High School, 9-7, at Emrich Field in a Central Mass. Division 1 first round before losing at top seeded Wachusett Regional in the quarterfinals.

The Warriors also qualified for the Central Mass. Division 1 tournament in 2011, 2015, and 2016.

Cipro and senior centerfielder Danny Bourget, who went 2-for-3 in the first-round victory, are the Warriors only other returning varsity players.

The other seniors on the Warriors varsity baseball team, who received their high school diplomas on June 12, are Liam O'Brien, Matt Jolie, John Marcucci, Michael Holt, and Cody Josti.

"We came into this season with only two returning varsity players, so we really didn't know what type of a team we would have, especially after not playing any games last year," said Jon Leroux, who became

the Warriors varsity baseball coach when Cipro was a freshman. "Everyone made a contribution during the regular season, which was really nice to see."

Cipro, who had one strikeout and one walk against the Wolves, was reunited with sophomore catcher Henry Blake this spring. They're both from Brookfield and were teammates on the same little league team a couple of years ago.

"I played little league baseball with Henry," Cipro said. "It's kind of cool to be reunited with him here on a big stage. We work very well together."

Cipro will be playing baseball on even a bigger stage next spring at Assumption University in Worcester.

"I'm really looking forward to playing college baseball at Assumption," said Cipro, who had the water bucket dumped on top of him by two of his teammates following the game. "Assumption has a great baseball program, and the NE-10 is an outstanding baseball conference. The Assumption baseball coach, Mike Rocco, is a player's coach. I'm going to work hard and earn my spot on the team."

Leroux, who played college baseball at Northeastern University and was selected by the New York Mets in the 2012 MLB draft, has enjoyed watching Cipro develop into an outstanding pitcher.

"When Cip was a freshman, you could tell that he had the potential to be a very special baseball player by the time he was a senior," Leroux said. "I'm very glad that I had the opportunity to coach him for three years."

The first-round game was still scoreless entering the fourth inning.

The Wolves threatened to take the lead in that frame when senior DH Taylor Ojerholm hit a leadoff double to deep left field. Then an infield base hit by senior centerfielder Justin Klinkhamer put two runners on base with no outs.

That's when Cipro buckled down and went to work. He got out

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Kimball, Robie split modified twinbill at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Matt Kimball and Brian Robie split a pair of NHSTRA Modified Quest For The Cup 35-lappers Saturday, June 12, at Monadnock Speedway, but it was the massive round-one wreck that fans will remember.

The Mod Squad took the green 25-cars strong. Matt Kimball led early, with defending Series champ Brian Robie then taking charge before pitting out of the lead on lap ten.

With Kimball, Todd Patnode, and Trevor Bleau racing under a blanket on lap 25, all hell broke loose. Patnode, with a nudge, broke loose out of turn two and shot across the track, triggering a 12-car pile-up. When the dust had settled eight cars were done for the night.

Kimball held strong the rest of the way, sailing under the checkers ahead of Tyler Leary and Cory Plummer to win round one. Patnode, able to pit for repairs, rocketed back to fourth, Cam Sontag in fifth while Robie was dead last in 25th. But he wasn't throwing in the towel.

Scott MacMichael, aboard the Cirillo 7, set a fast pace for the first 11 laps of the nightcap, with Kimball — gunning for a twinbill sweep — then taking charge. Robie, though, was on a mission to salvage his night.

Strong-arming his way to the front — he'd lost his power steering on lap 15 — the Sunapee star blasted to the round-two victory. Geoff Rollins and Patnode — both victims of the first-35 big one — completed the top three. Camer-



Submitted photo
Matt Kimball had a win in the NHSTRA event at Monadnock Speedy last weekend.

on Sontag, quietly staying out of trouble all night, put together two top-fives.

Chase Curtis scored his first Late Model Sportsman feature win Saturday, coming from row four to take the lead on lap 19 and then hold off his dad, Chris Curtis, to top the night's 25-lapper.

Cole Littlewood led the first seven go-rounds, then giving way to Austin Brehio, who stayed on the point until Curtis took charge. Brehio's bronze finish enabled him to pull even with Cam Curtis atop the LMS points parade.

What a show the Street Stockers put on. Bumps, shoves, rubs and wobbles lap after lap, but never a caution.

Kenny Thompson led the first 17 circuits, with Tim Wenzel then taking over and bringing brother Nate with him. Holding the point the last eight laps, Wenzel was strong in scoring his first win of the season. Brother Nate and three-time 2021 winner Chris

Buffone joined him in trophy row.

Fitzwilliam Flyer Gordon Farnum stormed to victory in the Mini Stock 25-lapper.

Taking the lead from Kevin Cormier on lap 19, Farnum padded his points lead with his fourth win of the summer. Cormier was strong in second, and Jeff Asselin came home third.

Fast Eddie Petruskevicious made easy work of winning the Young Guns feature for the second week in a row. Heat race winner Teagan Edson was the runner-up again, with Eddie Gomarlo strong in third.

Connor Souza appeared to have won the Exit One Realty Pro Truck Series 55-lapper, but series officials ruled that he'd jumped a late-race restart, awarding Saturday's victory to Lucas Leone. Girard Giordano was second, and Randy Burr third.

Monadnock Speedway returns to action next Saturday, June 19, with the Teddy Bear

Pools Street Stock 50-lapper lost to rain a few weeks back leading a full card of NHSTRA racing.

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LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN: Chase Curtis (Rutland, MA) Chris Curtis, Austin Brehio, Cole Littlewood, Justin Littlewood, Cam Curtis, Dan Comeau, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Jaret Curtis, Robert Hagar

STREET STOCK: Tim Wenzel (Holyoke, MA), Nate Wenzel, Chris Buffone, Rupert Thompson, Jason Kozacka, Hillary Renaud, Paul Smith, Keith Johnson, Chris Lindquist, Scott Wade.

MINI STOCK: Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH) , Kevin Cormier, Jess Asselin, Louie Maher, Tim LeBlanc, Kevin McKnight, Haydon Grenier, Josh Hubbard, Pat Houle, Jake Puchalski.

YOUNG GUN: Eddie Petruskevicious, Teagan Edson, Eddie Gomarlo, Leilei Daniels, Dominick Stafford.

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Tim Casavecchia

Palmer High School

The senior was one of three that were honored before a home game against Ware High School.

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Blue Sox improve to 6-3 with win

HOLYOKE — The Valley Blue Sox (6-3) of the NECBL took on the Ocean State Waves (2-6) in their eighth game of the season at MacKenzie Stadium on Sunday night. The Blue Sox pulled through for the win by a score of 4-3.

The game began at 5:05 p.m., with the presenting sponsor, Cindy's Drive-In, providing kiddie cups of their ice cream to the first 250 fans through the gates at MacKenzie Stadium for the 'Sundae's on a Sunday!' promotion.

Blue Sox fans enjoyed their ice cream during the beautiful night, where Grant Kipp of Yale University dominated on the mound for the first couple of innings, which went scoreless.

"I'm really happy with this

turnout." Said Kipp. "From not playing in the Ivy League this season, it was really nice to get back out there and show what I can do." The Ivy League Council of Presidents decided not to hold league competition or host league championships this past spring, which included baseball, so this summer season has been the first time post-pandemic in which Kipp and the other Ivy League players have competed.

In the bottom of the fifth, Garrett Shultz of Xavier University had two RBI's, bringing Luke Franzoni (Xavier) and Mason LaPlante (Yale) home to raise the score to 2-0.

The Waves responded quickly with two runs of their own off of an Albert Choi (New Jersey

Institute of Technology) hit that went past the fences at MacKenzie Stadium to tie the game at 2-2.

The Waves pulled ahead in the top of the seventh, scoring a run to bring the game to 3-2.

Valley's offensive push began with a Cole Andrews (Miami) at-bat, the Blue Sox' catcher who, on Friday, hit a walk off home run to win the game against the Martha's Vineyard Sharks from behind by a score of 5-4. On Sunday, Andrews sent one high into center field, and got lucky, staying on first base when a Waves outfielder had trouble fielding the ball. LaPlante then made it to first, which advanced Andrews to second. Then, Shultz sent a highball way out near the

fence, which gave Andrews and LaPlante just enough time to run home, making the score 4-3, and tallying Shultz' RBI total at 3.

The rest of the game went scoreless, with the Blue Sox successfully holding onto their lead in the highest attendance game of the 2021 season so far for the Blue Sox.

Whether it was the free ice cream, or the great play, the result of this game made Head Coach Hez Randolph think that he "is doing something right."

"Winning a close one like this makes me feel good, as nervous as I get, because this is my first year doing this. It's a good feeling." He continued.

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of that jam with a pair of infield pops caught by sophomore shortstop Devin Krochmalnyckyi and freshman second baseman Hunter Normandin, which were sandwiched around a flyball caught by Bourget.

"That inning was probably the pivotal moment of the game," Cipro said. "Getting out of it without giving up any runs gave us the opportunity to put a few runs of our own on the board in the bottom half of the inning."

Krochmalnyckyi began the fourth inning rally by hitting a triple to right field. After Blake drew a walk, a sacrifice fly by O'Brien, who was the starting right fielder, brought home the Warriors first run of the game.

Tantasqua scored two more runs following a throwing error by the Nashoba shortstop and a ground ball single to center by Bourget brought home another run giv-

ing the home team a 4-0 lead.

After Cipro, who threw a total of 70 pitches in five innings, retired the side in order in the top of the fifth, the Warriors offense finished the job.

With runners at the corners with one-out in the inning, O'Brien drove home a run with a double to left increasing the Warriors lead to 5-0. Another double to right field by Jolie, who was the designated hitter, scored two more runs. A couple of batters later, Bourget grounded an RBI single into left field and junior third baseman Jack Gaudette was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, which gave the Warriors an 8-0 advantage. After the next batter hit a pop-up to the Wolves first baseman, Krochmalnyckyi capped off the first-round victory by hitting a two-run single to left field.

Tantasqua lost at fourth-seeded Westborough, 5-2, in the quarterfinals two days later.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- 4. One of Santa's reindeer
- 10. Before the present
- 11. Type of butter
- 12. Location of White House
- 14. Motion
- 15. Tree part
- 16. Regions around the North Pole
- 18. Fits on a boat's gunwale
- 22. Discuss after it's happened
- 23. Milk substitute for coffee
- 24. Describes one who believes in supreme being
- 26. Equally
- 27. Famed director Forman

- 28. Popular apartment style
- 30. British School
- 31. Advanced degree
- 34. Order of architecture
- 36. Investment account (abbr.)
- 37. Snake-like fishes
- 39. Children's tale bear
- 40. Norse personification of old age
- 41. Atomic #58
- 42. Moving your head
- 48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner
- 50. Frankfurt
- 51. Small, seedless raisin
- 52. Device in paper-making machine
- 53. Go
- 54. Open payment initiative (abbr.)
- 55. "Westworld" actor

- Harris
- 56. Saturated with salt
- 58. Marry
- 59. Report on
- 60. Midway between north and northeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Rays
- 2. Self-centered person
- 3. One you look after
- 4. Prosecutor
- 5. Portion
- 6. Speaks ill of
- 7. Formal system for computer programs
- 8. To make angry
- 9. Rural delivery
- 12. Group of languages
- 13. Large First Nations group
- 17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy
- 19. Excludes

- 20. Body cavity of a metazoan
- 21. Swedish monetary unit
- 25. Works with
- 29. Partner to "to"
- 31. Rewards (archaic)
- 32. One of Caroline Islands
- 33. Type of alcohol
- 35. Eat a lot
- 38. Nuns
- 41. Dog
- 43. Become more serious
- 44. Choose
- 45. Newspapers use it
- 46. World's longest river
- 47. Commanded to go faster
- 49. Cabs
- 56. Mr. T's "A-Team" character
- 57. Document signed (abbr.)

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baseball coach.

One of the only highlights of the evening for the Palmer fans was the pregame ceremony honoring seniors Kevin Hess, Tim Casavecchia, and Nathan Oliveira.

"I think they each bring something unique to the table for us and we will most certainly miss them next year," Pasquarosa said. "Although this is my first year as the varsity baseball coach, I had the privilege of coaching all three of them in eighth grade when I was coaching the JV team. Nate and Kevin have been in the program since the eighth grade, and Tim moved to Athol but came back for his senior year."

Hess was the Panthers starting pitcher on senior night. The

right-hander had trouble locating the home plate umpire postage stamp size strike zone, as he walked seven of the 11 batters that he faced.

The Panthers, who drew a total of 18 walks in five innings, had a 3-0 lead before Smith, who's also a righty, threw his first pitch of the game.

Junior shortstop Andrew Soltys, who tripled to right leading off the top of the first, scored the game's first run on a wild pitch that sailed to the backstop.

After loading the bases, back-to-back walks by freshman catcher Dylan Sutkaitis and junior third baseman Camden Balicki gave the visiting team a 3-1 lead.

With one-out in the bottom of the first inning, Hess walked, and junior leftfielder Mike Mayberry lined a single to center putting run-

ners at the corners. Oliveira, who started at first base, also hit a line-drive single to center field scoring Hess.

After the Indians batted around in their first at-bats, Soltys began the top of the second inning with a walk and scored on a throwing error. Soltys wound up scoring four runs, as he had two hits and a pair of walks in the game.

Holding a 3-1 lead, Ware broke the game wide open by scoring five more runs in the top of the third. The two biggest hits of that frame were a two-run single to right field by Slattery, who walked three times, and two-run double over the left fielder's head by junior centerfielder Tyler Orszulak, who also scored on a wild pitch.

Hess, who blasted a triple that stopped rolling near the new

football bleachers in right field, scored the Panthers second run on a groundout to second by Mayberry.

The Indians, who only had seven base hits, sent twelve batters to the plate in the fourth and seven of them scored, as they built a double-digit lead.

Palmer left the bases loaded in the fourth and they stranded two more runners on base in the fifth inning before the Indians took their team picture.

Dillon Slattery, Smith, and Balicki will be teammates with five of the Palmer players on the Monson Post 241 Legion baseball team, which will be playing their home games under the lights at Legion Field this summer.

She's our leading goal scorer."

Barry, who's from Hingham, recorded a hat-trick in her first match as a member of the Mutiny versus the Rush. She watched Berman play soccer at B.C. and she's one of her role models.

"I've been looking up to Lauren Berman since she played soccer at Boston College," Barry said. "She's a great player and it has been so much fun getting the opportunity to play with her the past couple of weeks. It's also an honor to represent a club that has a great history like the New England Mutiny.

Berman played professional soccer in Europe which is something that Barry and the other younger Mutiny player are inspiring to do in the future.

A current member of the B.C. women's soccer team on this year's Mutiny roster is Laura Gouvin, who's from Monson.

Barry, who graduated from Tabor Academy, was a two-time Massachusetts Girls Gatorade Player of the Year. She described her go-ahead goal.

I saw that Lauren was going to

cross the ball to me, so I created a little bit of space," said Barry, who was also a starting center forward for the Gamecocks. "Then I just headed it into the net, which gave us a 2-1 lead. It was very exciting, especially doing it in front of the home crowd."

Murphy made a couple of outstanding saves in the second half, which helped the Mutiny hold onto the slim 2-1 lead until the 71st minute. That's when a Copa player was fouled in the box and Cunha blasted the PK into the upper right corner.

The home team did have a chance to retake the lead again, but a shot attempted was cleared away by a Copa defender on the goal-line.

Trystin Burger, who's from Granby, replaced Lily Fabian, who's from Monson, with about five minutes remaining in the match.

The Mutiny are hoping to celebrate a couple of victories before returning to the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium against the Syracuse DA on June 19.

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

O B I T U A R I E S

Michael Joseph Mielowski, 56

Michael Joseph Mielowski, 56, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on June 7, 2021, at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

Son of the late John and Santa (Mastronardo) Mielowski, he was born in Worcester on July 6, 1964. He grew up in the Barre, Ware and Gilbertville areas. Michael was a high school graduate of the Quabbin Regional School District in 1982. Michael began working after high school at McDonald's in Ware. At times he worked several jobs at once, including at Ames in Palmer, Palmer Sunoco, and Cumberland's.

Michael became a bus driver (his ultimate job) in his early work years starting with Palmer Motor Coach. He also worked at Laidlaw, FM Kuzmeskus and was presently employed by Swift River/FM Merrifield Company. He loved his kids and there are many occasions at a restaurant or other locations that teens or adults would remember him as their bus driver (probably because of the Friday treats or last day of school pizza). "You drove me to high school or kindergarten" was often said to him in later years.

Michael and Brian also did foster care for 12 years. He clothed, advocated at school and treated each child as his own. Michael loved helping people

and no challenge was too great for him. We will all miss his ability to listen and solve problems for people. If it was a sad time such as a death or sickness Michael showered you with his cards and maybe a visit and an apple pie. Any time people did things for him there was often many "thank you" from him. "No rush "was a favorite line. At McDonald's he would often say "pay the car behind" especially if the occupants were elderly, first responders or someone in need.

He loved to cook, especially Polish food. Thanksgiving could see up to 30 people at the table to cook for and anyone was welcome. When cooking he was in his glory. He also loved the "all you could eat salad and bread sticks" at Olive Garden. He loved rides, especially to Cape Cod and Dowes Beach in Osterville. His favorite spot in the Quabbin was at Hank's Meadow where he could sit for hours talking under the big oak tree. He loved sitting on the front porch on a rainy day listening to the rain fall. His great niece Brianna was a special love of his.

Michael will be dearly missed by all who knew him, including his loving partner of 22 years, Brian Winslow; his broth-



ers, Paul Mielowski of Ware and John Mielowski Jr. and his wife Deline of Palmer; Michael will also be missed by his niece Theresa Beynor and her husband Derek; his nephew Kenneth Mielowski and his partner Samantha and his great niece Brianna Beynor.

A special thanks to the doctors, nurses, and the staff at Cooley Dickinson Hospital as well as Dr. Yang and the nurses at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center in Danvers. We would also like to thank the management and employees of the Swift River/FM Merrifield Company for all their support.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held at the Quabbin Reservoir off of Route 9 at Hank's Meadow at noon on June 26 (rain or shine). Bring a chair or blanket and share your stories and memories. We are sure he will be there in some form under the oak tree with us.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Thomas J O'Conner Animal Shelter & Adoption Center in Springfield.

To leave a memory or condolence, visit beersandstory.com.

Rena Rae Padykula Pelis, 57

Rena Rae Padykula Pelis, 57, passed away, Saturday, June 5, 2021, at home. A visitation was held Monday, June 14 at Alexander's Midway in Springtown, Texas.

She was born July 19, 1963, in Springfield. Rena was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Lillian (Jewett) Padykula; her sister, Susan Padykula; and son-in-law, Donald McWhorter.

Rena grew up in Springfield and graduated from Palmer High School. She was a very hard

worker. Rena was a caring person with a big heart. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren. Rena love to laugh and had a laugh that was contagious.

She is survived by, her daughter, Crystal Childers and husband, Russell; daughter, Heather Pelis and husband, Steven Wyman; and daughter, Danielle McWhorter; son, Na-



than Pelis; brothers, Richard and Ronald Padykula; husband, Brian Pelis; grandchildren, Nicolas, Serenidy, Matthew, Riley, Emily, Jake, Hailey, Tyler and Peighton; great-grandson, Erza; friend, Virgil Mills; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Business

An anniversary deferred: Quilt shop ends COVID hiatus, enters 11th year

By Jonah Snowden
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WALES – Just over a year after closing because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Meeting House Fabric is back in business.

Meeting House Fabric owner Sheila Chabot said she originally planned to open a fabric store but changed her mind after her sister Katherine Bodzioch inspired her to open a quilt shop instead. It's now in its 11th year of business.

Meeting House Fabric offers materials for embroidery, different designer fabrics, quilting workshops and more. The minute customers step inside the store, they are greeted by several welcoming employees who work alongside Chabot, followed by a relaxing selection of tunes to accompany them while they shop.

Reopening the shop after closing it on March 17, 2020, is something Chabot said she considers a miracle.

Seeing opportunity in adversity, Chabot said the shop used the downtime to plan for an eventual re-opening.

"It gave us a lot of time to actually do a little bit of revamping in the store," she said.

"I did not get to celebrate the shop's 10th year in business either, because we were closed, so that was kind of sad. I just feel like it is a great accomplishment to have survived the pandemic. I know a lot of people's businesses didn't survive, so it is good news for us to have done so."

Chabot's daughter Andrea Hermanson, who is proud of her mother, said she admires Meeting House Fabric serving as a destination for many people.

"They come from a distance," Hermanson said.

Chabot also has a message for any potential customers who would like to pick up quilting, which is to just stop by, since this store is a great place to learn the art or improve technique.

"We have instructions for the beginners and advanced," Chabot said.

"We will also be offering lessons in the fall, but we are not going to start anything right now, to see how everything else goes."

Although the shop is not as busy as it was prior to the pandemic, Chabot said things are picking up.

"We're surviving and finding that as time goes on, people are more anxious to get out and do things," Chabot. "We have chosen not to require masks, since most of the women here have been vaccinated."

She also said they still try to socially distance six feet and has the store professionally cleaned once a



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden

Sheila Chabot, owner of Meeting House Fabric didn't get to celebrate the shop's 10th anniversary, but she's grateful to have reopened a year after closing because of the pandemic.



Materials for embroidery, different designer fabrics, quilting workshops and more can be found at Meeting House Fabric.



Meeting House Fabric, located at 83 Main Street, Wales.

week.

"We're trying the best we can to keep everyone safe," Chabot said.

For more information on Meeting House Fabric, located at 83

Main St., call 413-245-1235. Their Facebook page, (SheilaMaeChabot) also provides updates on classes and event at the quilt shop.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to 401 calls and made 10 arrests or summons for arrests June 8-15. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Wednesday, June 9

Michael J. Lawson, 20, of 370

Springfield St., Three Rivers, was arrested at 6:39 p.m., on Main Street in Thorndike, for a warrant.

Thursday, June 10

Benjamin F. Lis, 30, of 2 North St., Three Rivers, was arrested at 11:04 a.m., on North Street in Three Rivers, for a warrant of apprehension.

Deborah Louise Edwards, 50, of 26 Sesame Dr., Chicopee, was arrested

at 9:10 p.m., on River Street in Thorndike, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; a marked lanes violation and possession/consumption of an open container of an alcoholic beverage.

Friday, June 11

Steven Vincent Martinek, 56, of 121 River St., Belchertown, was arrested

at 6:34 p.m., on Nipmuck Street in Palmer, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle and possession/consumption of an open container of an alcoholic beverage.

Saturday, June 12

Michael J. Martowski, 55, of 120 State St., Bondsville, was arrested at 8:21 p.m., on charges of failing to stop

for police; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; speeding rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper and operating a motor vehicle after license or right to was revoked.

Stephie Esther Ayala Rivera, 22, of 181 West St., Apt. A6, Ware, was arrested at 10:49 p.m., on State Street in Bondsville, was arrested, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor; negligent operation

of a motor vehicle and speeding.

Monday, June 14

Richard M. Hicks, 28, of 3267 Boston Rd., Wilbraham, was arrested at 6:16 p.m., on Stimson Street in Thorndike, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with suspended license; operating an unregistered motor vehicle and not being in possession of a registration.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to four calls June 9-15:

On Wednesday, June 9, at 10:22 a.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on Pleasant Street. The department returned to service at 11:09 a.m.

On Thursday, June 10, at 12:07 a.m., the department responded to a train track fire on Cherry Street. The department returned to service at 1:10 a.m.

On Thursday, June 10, at 1:31 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide detector activation on Church Street. The department returned to service at 2:01 a.m.

On Thursday, June 10, at 9:17 a.m., the department responded to a train track fire on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 9:55 a.m.

On Thursday, June 10, at 11:54

a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Centra Street. The department returned to service at 12:15 p.m.

On Thursday, June 10, at 3:52 p.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide incident on Bennett Street. The department returned to service at 4:45 p.m.

On Friday, June 11, at 12:08 p.m., the department responded to a lock out call on East Palmer Park Drive. The department returned to service at 1:09 p.m.

On Monday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Shearer Street. The department returned to service at 10:19 a.m.

On Monday, June 14, at 11:05 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Park Street. The department returned to service at 3:54 p.m.

On Monday, June 14, at 9:14 p.m., the department responded to an

alarm activation on State Avenue in Monson. The department returned to service at 9:42 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 15, at 7:14 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Main Street in Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 7:35 a.m.

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to five calls June 8-14:

On Thursday, June 10, at 11:46 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Palmer Street. The department returned to service at 12:10 p.m.

On Thursday, June 10, at 3:14 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on High Street. The department returned to service at 5:30 p.m.

On Thursday, June 10, at 8:03

p.m., the duty officer investigated an alarm activation call on High Street. The duty officer returned to service at 8:17 p.m.

On Friday, June 11, at 12:50 p.m., the department responded to a smoke alarm investigation on Hillside Drive. The department returned to service at 1:24 p.m.

On Saturday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning complaint on Main Street. The duty officer returned to service at 6:40 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to one fire call and 25 EMS calls June 7 - June 13:

On Tuesday, June 8, at 7:39 p.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Upper Palmer Road. The department returned to service at 7:43 p.m.

PHS Class of 2021 Scholarships

On behalf of the Palmer High School graduates of the Class of 2021, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the generous donors who provide all of these scholarships, and we would like to congratulate the worthy recipients who have worked hard for so many years. This year, over \$34,700 in local scholarships have been awarded to our graduates!

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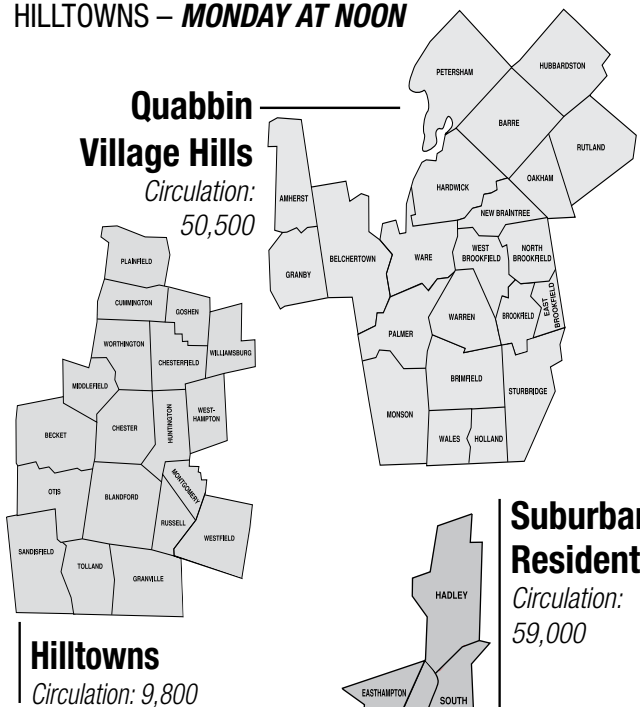
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Hampden
The Superior Court
CIVIL DOCKET
#2179CV00252**
RE: POLISH NATIONAL CREDIT UNION vs. MATTHEW R. CURRIER AND ERIKA CURRIER

ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: **Matthew R. Currier and Erika Currier**, to the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, are Massachusetts residents, having a last and usual place of residence at 21 Bradley Road, Monson, Massachusetts in the County of Hampden; all in said Commonwealth;

AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SERVICE MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED 2003 as amended:

Polish National Credit Union, a duly incorporated financial institution with a place of business at 46 Main Street, Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts

claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering property known as 21 Bradley Road, Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts

given by Matthew R. Currier and Erika Currier to Polish National Credit Union dated October 27, 2017

recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 21928, Page 373, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Service Members' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Springfield in said County on or before **July 21, 2021** or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.

Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, at Springfield, Massachusetts, this 9th day of June, 2021.

Laura S. Gentile, Clerk of the Courts

By: **Stephanie Roscoe**, Assistant Clerk

06/17/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600**

**Docket No. HD21P1003EA
Estate of: Kristin A. Foster
Also Known As: N/A
Date of Death: 04/11/2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Laura S. Foster** of Wales, MA.

Laura S. Foster of Wales, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

06/17/2021

**TOWN OF PALMER
INVITATION FOR BIDS
FY22 ANNUAL ROAD
MATERIALS &
SERVICES
REBID**

The Town of Palmer will receive bids for furnishing road materials and services as needed for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Upon mutual agreement, the contract for services may be extended for up to two additional one year periods. Specifications and bid forms may be picked up at the Town of Palmer, Office of the Town Manager, 4417 Main Street, (Thorndike), Palmer, MA. Bids are to be submitted addressed to the Town

Manager and marked "FY 22 Bid for Annual Road Materials and Services". Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Manager until **2:00 PM, Monday, July 12, 2021** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Town Hall, Town Manager's Office. Contractors are required to comply with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries Prevailing Wage Rates in accordance with MGL, Chapter 149, Sections 26 and 27D. Contractors desiring to bid on liquid asphalt, milling and crack sealing must have Mass DOT pre-qualification. A 5% bid bond is required on all bids. The Town of Palmer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in the best interest of the Town.

Ryan McNutt
Town Manager

06/17/2021

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Palmer Community Development Department will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to solicit input relative to the design of Hryniewicz Park in Three Rivers. The design process has been funded by the FY 20 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The CDBG Program is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community

Development through the use of federal funds under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. All interested persons, groups, and agencies are invited to attend and participate. Any person or organization so wishing will be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Palmer Community Development Department at 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or (413) 283-2614 or msmith@townofpalmer.com. Persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Palmer Community Development Department at least one week prior to the public hearing.

06/17/2021

PALMER LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Palmer Local Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM** at the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer on the application from MB's Tastes of the Sea, under MGL C 138 §12 for a wine and malt Restaurant License located at 2052 Main Street, (Three Rivers), Palmer, MA.

Any persons interested in being heard should call 413-283-2603, email nparker@townofpalmer.com or appear at the time and place designated above.

06/17/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Monson/ Monson Public Schools will

receive sealed proposals for the lease of a school van maintenance facility to be located within 5 miles of 43 Margaret Street, Monson, MA, for a period of one year, with two option years at the sole discretion of the Monson Public Schools.

A complete Request for Proposal packet including sample lease may be obtained by contacting Leah Zippin, Director of Business and Operations at 413-267-4150 ext. 4918 or by email at zippinl@monsonschools.com

Sealed proposals are available immediately and will be opened publicly at **11:00 a.m. on July 9, 2021** in the Business Office of the Monson Public Schools, 43 Margaret Street, Monson, MA 01057

The Superintendent and/or the Director of Business and Operations reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Monson Public Schools – Transportation Department.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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**Docket No. HD21P1047EA
Estate of:
Gordon Cooley Royce
Date of Death:
April 6, 2021**

**NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE
G.L.c. 190B, § 3-306**

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned

estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on June 2, 2021, **Gary Royce** of Monson, MA intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a

Petition for Informal Probate of a Will

Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond

Gary Royce of Monson, MA

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

06/17/2021

PALMER LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Palmer Local

Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:40 PM** at the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer on the application from RZM Productions, under MGL C 138 §12 for a wine and malt Restaurant License located at 1701 Park Street, Palmer, MA.

Any persons interested in being heard should call 413-283-2603, email nparker@townofpalmer.com or appear at the time and place designated above.

06/17/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Hampden
The Superior Court
CIVIL DOCKET
#2179CV00162**

**RE: Monson Savings Bank vs Amanda White, et al
ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: **Amanda White**, an individual with the last known address of 26 Sunset Drive, Rindge, New Hampshire 03461, **Steven White**, an individual with the last known address of 382 McGee Court Apt 3, Ford Campbell KY, Clarksville, Tennessee 37040 and **The Heirs Devises or Legal Representative of David W White**, David W White, a deceased individual with a last known address of 1544 Dunhamtown Brimfield Road, Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts 01010;

AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SERVICE MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED 2003

as amended:

Monson Savings Bank, a banking institution with its principal office located at 146 Main Street, Monson, Massachusetts 01057

claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering property known as 1544 Dunhamtown Brimfield Road, Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts

given by David W White to Monson Savings Bank dated November 30, 2001

recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 12006, Page 450, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Service Members' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Springfield in said County on or before 07/22/21 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.

Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, at Springfield, Massachusetts, this 10th day of June, 2021.

Laura S. Gentile, Clerk of the Courts

Edward J. Partyka, Assistant Clerk

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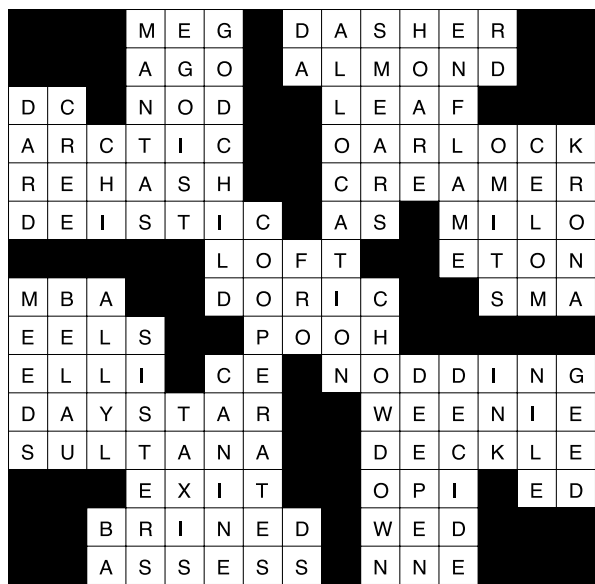


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TANTASQUA I from page 1

Chairman Michael J. Valanzola as he addressed the class Saturday. “You faced some of the most daunting challenges of our time.”

He said their relentlessly positive attitude and they’re willingness to lead by example made them a special class. “There was no whining,” he said. “The Class of 2021 accepted reality and rose to the occasion and persevered.”

“You’re relentless, remarkable,

inspiring and wise beyond your years,” he said.

“This year has been the best and worst times of my entire life,” said Nina Ellison, the academic honor student chosen to speak. It was a year that was draining, suffocating and disappointing at times, but with effort and dedication the Class of 2021 was able to keep moving forward, she said, pointing to their collective enthusiasm.

“The spontaneous moments were the most memorable,” Ellison

said. She urged them to be open the new environments and experience that were in their future.

“We were not defined by a virus,” said Daniel Sickeberger, the technical honor student asked to speak during the ceremony. “Time and time again we overcame the challenges before us.”

He said the pandemic should not be viewed as a black mark on their high school careers, but as a force partly responsible for the Class of 2021 collectively moving

forward and not letting challenging times take them off track.

Class President Carol DeRose said the pandemic helped seniors “appreciate the little things.”

“Savor, explore and delight in everything,” she said. She quoted a poem by Dylan Thomas, “Do not go gentle into that good night, Old age should burn and rave at close of day; Rage, rage against the dying of the light,” and urged them to take that approach to life.

It was also a bittersweet mo-

ment for two administrators, Superintendent Erin Nosek and Tantasqua Regional High School Principal Michael Lucas, both of whom took part in their last Tantasqua ceremony. Nosek is retiring and Lucas has accepted a job as the Oxford Public Schools superintendent.

Valanzola also awarded them with honorary Tantasqua students, and presented Nosek with a citation from Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito citing her with being a great educator and making

June 12 Erin Nosek Day.

Nosek told parents she had considered it an honor to care for their children over the years, and appreciated how parents have helped. “You’ve always believed in and supported us,” she said.

She urged the graduates to keep forging ahead.

“Your work is not done,” she said. “Please believe in yourselves.”



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Students get their diplomas and make their way back to their seats during Tantasqua Regional High School's commencement ceremony on Saturday.



Students process onto the football field for the graduation ceremony.



Tantasqua seniors stand on the football field as their fellow students continue to form rows.



Graduated seniors from Tantasqua Regional High School and its Technical Division threw their mortar boards into the air after receiving their diplomas Saturday.



Several beach balls made the rounds during Tantasqua's graduation ceremony.

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